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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 9-18 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9, 10, 13, 14, 16 and 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 11, 12, 15 and 18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 July 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>4/8/05</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

2. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the constants K,M and n are not defined.

Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 9-10,13-14,16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DE 19810218 in view of EP 0952 429.

As to claims 9-10, DE 198 10 218 ('218) discloses a rotational speed measuring device including K magnetic pole pairs distributed angularly over the rotatable ring, K being an integer greater than one and sensor means positioned relative to the rotatable ring such that a varying magnetic field detected by the sensor means, the sensor means comprising at least a first pair of magnetic sensors SE1,SE2, the first pair of magnetic sensors being positioned $2\pi L/K$

radians apart from each other, L being an integer between 1 and K-1 (note fig. 17). '218 fails to show a second pair of magnetic sensors. '429 is cited to show this feature. '429 teaches to use a second pair of sensors in a rotational motion detector to reduce output signal jitter (note e.g. figs. 1-3, claim 1). Consequently, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of '218 to have included a second pair of sensors as taught by '429 to reduce jitter in the output signal.

As to claims 13-14, '429 discloses summation and subtraction of output signals from the sensors (fig. 3).

As to claims 16-17, the use of rotational speed sensors having integrated signal processing means is well known in the art.

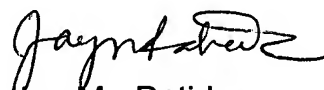
4. Claims 11-12,15,18 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Note PTO-892.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jay M. Patidar whose telephone number is 571-272-2265. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Thur 7:00-5:30.

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